



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph



with the churches of
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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			Mass Intentions
Holy Saturday 3 April	Sacred Heart	7.00pm Easter Vigil and Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection	<i>Albert F Allan</i>
Easter Sunday 4 April	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass (<i>via Facebook also</i>)	<i>Marie Moran Maria & Josef Pianiazek</i>
Monday 5 April	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Tuesday 6 April			<i>Faithful Departed (November List)</i>
Wednesday 7 April	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Christopher, Mark & Derek Jones</i>
Thursday 8 April	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass 11.00am <i>Funeral Service</i>	<i>Jimmy Winn</i> Margaret (Rita) Bontoft
Friday 9 April	St Joseph's	9.30am <i>Funeral Service</i>	Peter Larkin <i>Alban Ramskill</i>
Saturday 10 April	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Kazia Andruszko</i>
Low Sunday 11 April	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Ann & Sheila Dan & Grace Sullivan</i>

As numbers have to be limited at all Masses, to enable physical distancing, all are requested to pre-book.
To book for Mass: see our Parish Website, Parish Facebook Page, or telephone the Presbytery.



Fr Anthony wishes each and every one of our Parish Family, and their families, a happily enjoyable and Christ-filled Easter.

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Anthony, presently by appointment.
It is expected that set times will resume by mid May.

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From Fr Anthony

From an Easter homily by an ancient author

Saint Paul rejoices in the knowledge that spiritual health has been restored to mankind: *As death entered the world through Adam, so life has been given back to the world through Christ.*

He adds: *As we have borne the image of the earthly man, (that is, the image of human nature grown old in sin) so let us bear the image of the heavenly man: that is, human nature raised up, redeemed, restored, and purified in Christ. We must hold fast to the salvation we have received. As the Apostle says: Christ is the beginning (that is, the source of resurrection and life); therefore those who belong to Christ (those who model their lives on his purity) will be secure in the hope of his resurrection and of enjoying with him the glory promised in heaven. Our Lord said in the gospel: *Whoever follows me will not perish, but will pass from death to life.**

The passion of our Saviour is the salvation of mankind. The reason why he desired to die for us was that he wanted us who believe in him to live for ever. It was his will to become what we are, so that we might inherit the eternity he promised and live with him for ever.

Here, then, is the grace conferred by these heavenly mysteries, the gift which Easter brings, the most longed-for feast of the year; here are the beginnings of children newly formed: children born from the life-giving font of holy Church, born anew with the simplicity of little ones, and crying out with the evidence of a clean conscience. Chaste fathers and inviolate mothers accompany this new family, countless in number, born to new life through faith. As they emerge from the grace-giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith. The Easter festival brings the grace of holiness from heaven. Through the repeated celebration of the sacred mysteries they receive the nourishment of the sacraments. Fostered at the very heart of holy Church, the fellowship of one community worships the one God, adoring the triple name of his essential holiness, and with the prophet sings the psalm which belongs to this yearly festival: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.* And what is this day? It is the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the author of light, who brings the sunrise and the beginning of life, saying of himself: *I am the light of day; whoever walks in daylight does not stumble.* That is to say, whoever follows Christ in all things will come by this path to the throne of eternal light.

Such was the prayer Christ made while he was still on earth: *Father, I desire that where I am they also may be, those who have come to believe in me; and that as you are in me and I in you, so they may abide in us.*



Things happening in our Parish

PleasePleasePlease Be sure to take home from Church any items you use, such as the Mass sheets, and copies of our Newsletter. Covid-19 can still be passed on via items we touch (thus the hand sanitizing).

Mass Live-streaming As more now feel able to come to our Churches and we still seem set to soon have such as non-essential retail shops opening, this Easter Sunday will be the last day of our weekly live-streaming of Mass.

First Sacraments/Reconciliation Our next Programme is to start during the summer term, with a view to those children who join celebrating their First Confession during July, and then going on to prepare for First Communion during Advent of this year. This Programme is for our baptised Children now in school year 3 or above. Parents of eligible Children need to obtain an Application Form from Fr Anthony, after any of our Parish Masses, and be sure to return it direct to him by **Sun 11 April**.

Offertory Envelopes Any who have yet to collect their 2021/22 envelopes are asked to please do so, or to ask another to collect them, if they can - from the Hall at our Sacred Heart Church - at St Joseph's from the Church Exit/Entrance Hall.

If you cannot find your named pack, please inform Jackie Ventom, Margaret Whitehouse or Fr Anthony.

Also, please have a word with one of them, if you wish to change from envelopes to a bank standing order in favour of our Parish - or to begin using envelopes. Bank orders have certainly shown some of their advantages during the past year, for users and our Parish both!

!Envelope users - please don't forget to collect!

Gift Aid Please remember that if you pay anything more than a minimum amount of income tax, we can reclaim the tax you have already paid on the money you give to our Parish. If you do not already Gift Aid, all you need do is sign a Gift Aid Form and allow us to record what you give (eg by numbered envelopes or a bank standing order): and it won't cost you a penny more than what you are already giving. For more information, please consult Jackie Ventom, Margaret Whitehouse or Fr Anthony.

Please note: one off donations, favouring our Parish, can also be gift aided by income tax payers.

Your Easter Offerings taken at this weekend's Masses, are traditionally your gift to your Priest.

& In our Diocese

Encountering the Risen Jesus Five reflections via Zoom, Mondays 7-8.00pm, starting 12 Apr, to be led by Fr Mark Jarmuz. Further details and Zoom invitation: please email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk



Our 2021 Lent Project

Our Lent Project has now concluded. If any have monies still to pay over, please ensure Fr Anthony receives them by next Sunday, 11 April, at latest. The grand total collected will then be published in our Newsletter.

Notices for our Parish Newsletter need to be received by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.

Sacraments

Baptism Our Preparation Programme, for Parents of Children to be baptised, will next take place 7.00-8.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Weds 16 & 30 Jun**. To join a Programme, Parents need to talk with Fr Anthony, after one of our Parish Masses, to arrange an initial meeting with him.

The Programme is for any expecting, as well as Parents with baby born.

Confirmations Our next Preparation Meeting will be on **Sat 17 Apr**, and is expected to be in our -

Sacred Heart Hall, 9.30-11.00am. It is important all arrive in good time, so as to start on time.

First Communion Our Children will rehearse for their celebration of their First Communion, on **Sat 8 May** -

9.30-10.30am, *St Joseph's*, for all who are to receive Communion there, 11-12.00am, *Sacred Heart*, for all who are to receive Communion there.

Marriage Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact Fr Anthony.

Parish Monies

Offertory Monies	Many Thanks
15-21 March	
Loose	£ 94.16
Envelopes	£449.00
Mary's Meals *	£256.10

* In Church/Presbytery only. Digital giving will be added later.

Donations to our Parish

Can also be made by texting -
CHURCH SHSJ to 70500
to contribute £5 - weekly
- fortnightly - other;
- or by using the **Donate Button**
on our Parish Website Home Page.

GOD OF SURPRISES

Tools for digging – Some Methods of Prayer

Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 40:10)

I shall illustrate the method in greater detail with a few verses from St. John's Gospel:

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.' (John 20:19-21)

I try to imagine the scene as St. John depicts it. The immediate reaction of many people to this suggestion is, 'But I have no imagination', meaning usually, I am not a creative or artistic type of person'. If you are capable of recalling even one event of your past life and reliving it in memory, however blurred the details, then you have the ability to pray imaginatively. I have met many people who are unwilling to try this method, but I have never met anyone incapable of using their imagination. Peoples' imaginative ability varies. Some can imagine with clear pictorial detail and are able to see the size and furnishings of the room, the colour of the walls, the nature of the lighting, the expression on the disciples' faces, etc., while others will not see any of these details, the picture being very blurred and indefinite. The details are not important. What is important is that, through the use of our imagination, we should come to know the reality of the Risen Jesus, as real today as on the day of his resurrection, entering into the closed room of my inner fears and still saying to me, 'Peace be to you', and showing me his hands and his side.

There should be nothing hurried in this or any other form of prayer. It may take quite a long time to let the scene build up. Talk in imagination to the characters in the scene, listening to them and telling them about your own fears. Sometimes, when praying from this passage, people can enter the upper room without much difficulty, can sense the fear in the disciples and become more conscious of their own, but as soon as they reach 'Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them "Peace be with you" ', they go blank and the scene disappears, or they feel excluded from it as the scene is happening elsewhere and they are insulated from it.....



To be continued . . .

Abridged from: The God of Surprises – Gerard W. Hughes

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

The Paschal or Easter Candle, first lit during the Easter Vigil, and then lit during Masses through the Easter Season and Baptisms and Funerals throughout the year, must be made of beeswax. During the singing of the Easter Proclamation, bees are twice mentioned for their contribution to the making of the candle.

What is the connection between bees and the Israelites, when Moses led them through the desert, from their exile in Egypt to the promised land?

AND SERIOUSLY!



A rabbi, a priest, and a minister were discussing how each divided the collection. The minister drew a circle and what landed inside was for God. The rabbi drew a line and what landed on the right side was for God. The priest said, 'I

throw it all up in the air and whatever God can catch he can keep'.

**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
Margaret (Rita) Bontoft, Peter Larkin, and their families.



Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing
George Potts, Cynthia Potts, Peggy Heneghan, Liz Allen, Dennis Fricker, Elizabeth Taylor, Monica Lowe
John O'Brien, Nicola Glew, Ann Stoner, Tim Byrne, and all our housebound

The Word: Year B, Eastertide, Easter Sunday: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings emphasise two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which brings him to faith.



First Reading: Acts 10:34.37-43

Peter was speaking to Cornelius. Cornelius was the Roman centurion who already revered God and had had a vision that he should invite Peter to come and instruct him. Peter shows that Jesus was a real human being. He went about bringing God's peace to everyone he could meet. Nevertheless, he was executed as a criminal. But then he was raised from death to a life that was totally new. This was the fulfilment of all the promises made to Israel, bringing to completion God's plan in creation. Life moved into a new gear. Peter expresses this when he says that God has appointed the Risen Jesus to judge the

living and the dead. The Jews expected that at the end of time, at the completion of all things, God would come to set everything to rights, to judge things according to their true worth. Now Peter says that Jesus is the one who will be this judge. Jesus is the Lord who will bring all things to completion and to judgment. By his rising from the dead Jesus has supreme authority over the whole world. Paul put it in this way: he said that Jesus was 'constituted Son of God in power' by the resurrection.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

This reading is the visible tip of an iceberg, of which much more lies below the surface! Paul here tells us that all our interest must be in heavenly things, the things of Christ, because we share Christ's life. What is more, that life is no ordinary life. What does all this mean? We share Christ's life because faith in Christ means that we put all our trust and hope in him. We have been baptised into Christ; that is, by baptism we have been dipped into Christ as into a river, and come up soaked with or dripping with Christ. I am growing into Christ; I share in his inheritance, his status as Son of God. The wellspring of my life is no longer the ordinary, natural life which enables me to live, breathe, digest, feel, see, sing and play, love and hate. It is the Spirit of Christ which spurs me to generosity, service, kindness, self-control, peace and openness. This life, says Paul, is still hidden, and will be fully manifested only at the coming of Christ. But if I am to be true to my profession of faith, the principles on which I operate must be those of this risen life of Christ.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Eastertide, Low Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Of Seasonal Proper

Sun Seasonal Proper

Mon Seasonal Proper

Tue Seasonal Proper

Wed Seasonal Proper

Thu Seasonal Proper

Fri Seasonal Proper

Sat Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Of Easter Octave

Tue Of Easter Octave

Wed Of Easter Octave

Thu Of Easter Octave

Fri Of Easter Octave

Sat Of Easter Octave



Gathering Verse

Christ the Lord is risen today;
Christians, haste your vows to pay;
Offer ye your praises meet
At the Paschal Victim's feet.
For the sheep the Lamb hath bled,
Sinless in the sinner's stead;
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high;
Now he lives no more to die.

Christ, the Victim undefiled,
All to God hath reconciled;
When in strange and awful strife
Met together death and life:
Christians, on this happy day
Haste with joy your vows to pay;
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high;
Now he lives no more to die.

Say, O wond'ring Mary, say
What thou sawest on thy way.
I beheld, where Christ had lain,
Empty tomb and angels twain,
I beheld the glory bright
Of the rising Lord of light;
Christ my hope is ris'n again,
Now he lives, no more to die.

Christ, who once for sinners bled,
Now the first born from the dead,
Throned in endless might and power,
Lives and reigns for evermore.
Hail, eternal hope on high!
Hail, thou king of victory!
Hail, thou prince of life adored!
Help and save us, gracious Lord.

Victimae Paschali Laudes
Tr Jane E Leeson (1809-81)

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: 117(118)

This day was made by the Lord:
we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord:
we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:8-9

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word: Year B, Eastertide: Mass for Easter Sunday (continued)

Sequence - all say:

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Priest: Dear friends in Christ And so I ask you:
Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the
freedom of the children of God?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin
may have no mastery over you?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you renounce Satan, the author and
prince of darkness?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only
Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose
again from the dead And is seated at the
right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and life everlasting?

All: I do.

Priest: And may almighty God, the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us all
new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and
bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,
keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our
Lord, for eternal life.

All: Amen.

Communion Verse

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men
had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our heart that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

J M C Crum (1872-1958)

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